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Applicant:

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

## Amendment

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-26.

Amend claims 27-36.

Add claims 37-64.

(Amended) A non-human transgenic mammal which comprises a transgene including an altered lysostaphin gene, which altered lysostaphin gene differs from naturally-occurring lysostaphin gene in that the altered gene contains one or more sequences necessary and sufficient for expression of an active secreted lysostaphin protein by mammalian cell and tissues.